

SEVEN SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

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WITH SPECIAL PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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PREFACE.

DURING the last few years frequent inquiries have been made for a Book of Services for Public Worship, printed in good type and published at a moderate price. The Book of *Ten Services*, in its older or newer form, is used by a considerable number of congregations, and it is naturally regarded as a classic; but there are congregations who feel that it is not quite adapted to their needs; and it is hoped that the Services contained in this book may prove helpful to some congregations and ministers who desire to use a Liturgy at one or both of the Sunday services.

There are Seven Orders of Worship: the Address by the Minister and three of the Prayers in the First Order are by the late Rev. R. Crompton Jones, B.A., and are taken from the 28th Service in the excellent and invaluable *Book of Prayer in Thirty Orders of Worship*, which he prepared and edited; the Address and three of the Prayers in the Second Order are by the Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter, M.A., from the 26th Service; the Address and two of the Prayers in the Third Order are by Theodore Parker, from the 24th Service; a few special Prayers and Thanksgivings are also from Mr. Crompton Jones' *Book of Prayer*. The Sixth Order of Worship is adapted from the First Service in the *Book of Five Services for Public Worship*, published by the A.U.A., Boston, Mass. The Seventh Order is compiled from the Service Book formerly used at Bedford Chapel, London, by the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke, M.A. For several of the Prayers with Responses, I am indebted to the *Devotional Services* prepared by the Rev. John Hunter, D.D., who has done so much to enrich public worship by his Hymn and Service Books. The authorship of most of the Prayers is unknown. Prayers by Henry Ward Beecher, Francis William Newman, and Thomas Sadler are included, though no indication of authorship is anywhere given in the book itself.

The three Introductory Services, for Christmas, Easter, and the Memorial Service, with Readings, are taken from the *Book of Five Services*, published by the A.U.A. The Canticles for Morning and Evening are from the *Essex Hall Chant Book*: most of the Chants and Psalms will also be found in that book. If the Services should be largely adopted by congregations, arrangements will then be made for issuing a volume containing music suitable for the Chants and Responses, for the use of organists and choirs.

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SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

FIRST ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the Minister shall read one or more of these Sentences, all standing.

WE will offer unto the Most High thanksgiving,
and pay our vows unto him.

Hear our prayer, O God; give ear to the words of
our mouths.

We will lift up our eyes unto the hills, whence
cometh our help.

Our help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven
and earth.

Behold, he that keepeth us will neither slumber nor
sleep.

He will preserve our going out and our coming in
from this time forth, even for evermore.

God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth
in God, and God in him.

Then shall the Minister say.

ON this day of rest we feel that it is good for us
to spend some part of our leisure in spiritual
communion, and meditation on things unseen. Let
us dedicate now a quiet hour to sacred thoughts, to
hallowed memories, and uplifting hopes and aspira-
tions. And if we may gain here any true peace of

mind, comfort and strength of heart, we will bless God for it, and go back to our work and our daily interests and cares, prepared to bear more patiently any cross that he may lay upon us, and to serve him with more fidelity and more gladness in the way which he has appointed.

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• *This Prayer shall then be said by the Minister; all kneeling.*

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O GOD, the Father of our spirits, thou sustaining Power, and watchful Providence, and fostering Love: we come to thee as thy children, to hear what thou wilt speak to our souls, and to feel thy hand laid upon us in blessing. We would give thee, Lord, our hearts. We wait for thee as they that watch for the morning. Breathe into our life thy spirit of holiness and love and peace. Awaken in us the high desire and devout affection that will bring us into thy nearer presence. Lift us up above the selfish cares of life. Lift us up above the doubts and fears of our unfaithful hearts. Lift us up above the mists and clouds of earth; that we may behold the pure brightness of thine unchanging truth and love; that we may see clearly the way wherein our feet should go, and that, being brought back from our wanderings, we may walk with thee in peace and joy. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer: to be said by the People after the Minister.

O UR Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times : his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me : and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me : and delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants : and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God,

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1st Scripture Lesson.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon the earth : thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy : for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase : and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Glory be to God on high : the Father everlasting.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

2ND Scripture Lesson.

Then shall follow a Hymn, Chant, or Anthem. The Beatitudes may be used as an alternative, the People responding ; all standing.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are they that mourn ; for they shall be comforted.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are the meek ; for they shall inherit the earth

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness ; for they shall be filled.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are the merciful ; for they shall obtain mercy.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are the pure in heart ; for they shall see God.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are the peacemakers ; for they shall be called the children of God.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Write these words in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee. Amen.

The following Prayers shall then be said by the Minister, all kneeling ; the people responding with Amen.

O LORD most holy, most merciful : our hope is in thee, for thy compassion faileth not. Thou art patient and long-suffering towards thy weak and erring children, and thou wilt never reject the suppliant who cries to thee for help. Thou only knowest whether we are indeed lifting up our hearts, and longing for communion with thee. Thou knowest whether, in our prayers for thy pardon and blessing, we are moved by a heart-felt repentance, and an earnest desire and resolve to turn away from evil, and patiently to endure thy holy and righteous discipline ; that we may be redeemed from our sin, and restored to the peace and happiness of the true life with thee. Father, forgive, we beseech thee, the imperfections of our best offering. Kindle our sacrifice by the heavenly fire of thine own love and goodness ; and may we so truly find thee here in our prayer, that we may never lose thee, but may dwell in the house of the Lord, even in thy holy presence, O our Father and our God, for evermore. *Amen.*

WE thank thee, O God of righteousness and truth, for all thy faithful servants who have lived on earth as doers of thy will, as teachers of thy truth, as messengers of thy loving-kindness. We thank thee for the martyr's courage and constancy, for the prophet's word of fire, for the noble virtues of thy heroes and saints, and for all the gifts of inspiration and wisdom, skill and power which have been bestowed on chosen ministers of thine, to enrich and bless the world. And we thank thee for every good life which shows us how, even in a lowly work or patient waiting, we may find a way of serving thee, and may enter into thy kingdom. *Amen.*

O GOD Most High, the Light of the mind that seeks thee, the Life of the spirit that loves thee, the Strength of the heart that rests in thee; we would ask thee to give us some lowly place among those who devote themselves to thy holy service. Help us as thou alone canst; pour thy love into our hearts, that we may be drawn closely together, and be mutual helpers one of another; and in seeking thy kingdom of truth and righteousness, may we never be without the teachableness of a child-like trust, or the understanding which comes from a pure and faithful life. *Amen.*

WE thank thee, Lord, with humble and grateful hearts, for every moment of religious peace, when we feel that thou art with us, and our doubts and fears are laid to rest. We bless thee for every devout fervour, for every heavenward aspiration, which lifts up our spirits to thy dwelling-place, and gives to longing souls a foretaste of the joy of the nearer communion and purer service of the heavenly life. Grant us, O God, even now, to know this joy; and whether

thou ledest us in green pastures and beside the still waters, or through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil; our heart shall rest in thee, and nothing shall separate us from thy love. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayers.

O LORD GOD, merciful Father, may thy mercy pardon what we have been; may thy grace improve what we are; may thy wisdom direct what we should be. Accept our kind offices to thy other creatures as the only return in our power for thy loving-kindness to us: *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

The Service may then proceed in the following order.

Hymn.

[A short Prayer or Collect may be introduced here.]

SERMON.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

NOW the Lord of peace himself give us peace always, by all means. The Lord be with you all. *Amen.*

SECOND ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the Minister shall read one or more of the Scriptures, all standing.

LET us lift up our hearts, with our hands, unto God in the heavens.

Let us set the Lord always before us. When he is at our right hand we shall not be moved.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of his throne; mercy and truth shall go before his face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Blessed be thou, O Lord God, who turnest not away our prayers, or thy mercy from us.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Blessed be the name of God, for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. He changeth the times and the seasons. He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding. He revealeth the deep and secret things. He knoweth what is in the darkness; and the light dwelleth with him.

Then shall the Minister say.

IN the midst of our daily toil we pause for a moment that we may strive to set our life beneath the sight of God, and receive from him wisdom to understand its errors, and strength to meet its sorrows, or to rise above its cares. We come not to ask him to

make our way easy for us, but rather that he would teach us to endure hardness. We would know more and more certainly what duty demands of us, and would gain steadfastness to fulfil it. Amid the changing shadows of opinion, we have beheld, as afar off, the glory of his unfading light; and we would learn, by the communion of his saints, how he is ever working with all who search for truth and labour for righteousness. Let us seek, then, the guidance of his Spirit, that we may learn to walk more faithfully in the way of Christ.

Then this Prayer by the Minister, all kneeling.

O LORD God Most High, of whose goodness it is that we have our being, who suppliest our daily wants, and who, to all thy other gifts, hast added that of thy Spirit, whereby we are enabled to seek thee and to worship thee; why have we so often forgotten thee, who never forgettest us? But we would not forget thee now. Here, in the quiet rest of this day, in our house of prayer, we would lift up our hearts together in thy name. We would bring our united tribute of gratitude to thee, the Lord of heaven and earth, the Sustainer of our lives. We would bow down in adoration before thee, the All-holy, the All-good, who inhabitest eternity. O may we leave behind us all our lower thoughts and cares, and rise into thy nearer presence! Open to us the fountains of thy love and righteousness, that we may drink of their living waters, and return to our daily duties with hearts refreshed, and with strength renewed and increased, so that we may grow into the consciousness and character of thy true children, till our whole lives shall be to thee a thanksgiving and a prayer, and the spirit of Christ shall be our spirit. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer : to be said by the People after the Minister.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven : Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses ; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

CÆLI ENARRENT.

THE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech : and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is neither speech nor language : their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone forth through all the earth : and their words to the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever :

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me;

Then shall I be upright: and I shall be free from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth: and the meditation of my heart,

Be acceptable in thy sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory be to God most high: the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be: world without end.

Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson.

Then shall the following Chant be sung.

BENEDICTUS.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets: which have been since the world began;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant.

That we might serve him without fear: in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins ;

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby
the day-spring from on high hath visited us ;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in
the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the
way of peace.

Glōry be to God most high : the ever-blessed Father ;
Who is, and was, and shall be : world without end.
Amen.

2nd Scripture Lesson.

*Then shall follow a Hymn, Chant, or Anthem. Then these Prayers
with Responses, all kneeling.*

Minister. Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
from whom cometh every good and perfect gift,
we call to remembrance thy loving-kindness and
tender mercies which have been ever of old, and with
grateful hearts we would lift up to thee the voice of
our thanksgiving : For the order and constancy of
nature ; for the beauty and bounty of the world ; for
day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and
harvest ; for the varied gifts of loveliness and use
which every season brings :

People. We praise thee, O God.

Minister. For all true knowledge of thee and the
world in which we live ; for the life of truth and right-
eousness to which thou hast called us ; for prophets
and apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth ; for
all lovers and helpers of mankind, and all godly and
gifted men and women :

People. We praise thee, O God.

Minister. For all the comforts and gladness of
life ; for our homes and all our home-blessings ; for our

friends and all the pure pleasures of social intercourse; for the love, sympathy, and goodwill of men :

People. We praise thee, O God.

Minister. For the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn ; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things :

People. We praise thee, O God.

Minister. For communion with thee, the Father of our spirits ; for the light and peace that are gained through trust and obedience ; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and brightens the parting hour with the light of an immortal hope :

People. We praise thee, O God. *Amen.*

The following Prayers shall then be said by the Minister, the People responding with Amen.

○ THOU, unseen, yet ever near our souls : anew we ask, with common needs and mutual sympathies, thy help and blessing in our lives. Be with us now, as we remember before thee our struggles and our failures, or thank thee that even on a hidden way thou hast disclosed some light from heaven. Day after day we are upheld by thy love ; in the midst of our waywardness, or indolence, thou dost still shed on us the sunshine and the rain ; still with thy constancy dost thou remind us of our unfaithfulness, and summon us to some more earnest work. Lord, we would confess our unworthiness, and ask of thee more strength for duty, and a deeper faith. Let us not shrink from the high tasks to which thou callest us ; or tremble at the burden, or the mystery of sorrows or temptations we had not foreseen. Take us into the fellowship of all pure hearts that cry to thee ; teach us our kin with

all who have conquered in difficulty, and loved even through their pain; and so make our worship fruitful in toil and trust. *Amen.*

O THOU, who hast compassed all the pathway of our lives: we thank thee that thy providence abides through every change. Thou dost cheer even the loneliest lot with the comfort of thy presence; and we can only bless thee for thy unfailing care. Into thine own eternity thou hast called us, and set us in the midst of purposes we cannot measure; but we would thank thee for the good we know, and pray that thou wilt teach us patience till thou send more light. Waken our hearts to gratitude, O Lord, for mercies which have flowed upon us, day by day, in health and sickness, in labour and repose, in knowledge and affection, in the ever renewed beauty of earth and sky, in thoughts of truth and justice, to stir us from our ease and quicken our endeavour; and so train our spirits more and more into accord with thy pure will. *Amen.*

O GOD, our help and strength: we come to thee, that thou mayest speak to each one of us the word which thou knowest we need; that, wherein we are weak, thou mayest strengthen us; wherein we are false, thou mayest rebuke us with thy truth; wherein, with our poor strivings, we are making a slow and toilsome way towards thee, thou mayest let the grace of thy blessing rest upon us, and make us feel the joy of being accepted and beloved by thee. *Amen.*

O THOU who knowest what all time shall bring forth; we cast our eyes forward, and though every day is hidden to us in darkness, we pray thee that there may be such light within our hearts, that we

may be enabled to walk in the light of thy holy will, and in the strength which thou givest us may do the appointed duty of each day, and reverently bear its cross; and so fill up all our time with thy service. Then, when thou hast finished thy work with us on earth, may we lift up our eyes towards thee with gladness and great joy, and go home to that world where we shall enter into larger life, and closer communion with thee, the Father of our spirits. *Amen.*

NOW may the peace of God rule in your hearts, and the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom. *Amen.*

The Service may then proceed in the following order.

Hymn.

[*A Collect may be introduced here.*]

SERMON.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

THE Lord bless us and keep us in all our ways, and make his light to shine around us and within. The Lord hear us in all time of our need, and watch over us and give us peace. *Amen.*

THIRD ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the Minister shall read one or more of these Sentences, all standing.

ALL the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks ; for that thou art near, thy wondrous works declare.

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ? The Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid ? In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion ; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ; he shall set me up upon a rock.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall understand the truth ; and such as be faithful in love shall abide in him.

Then shall the Minister say.

THE infinite Spirit, who fills all worlds with his presence, and in whom we live and move and have our being, has need of no words for man to hold converse with him, for he knows our thoughts and every secret of our hearts. But we live in his world, we taste his bounty, we breathe his air ; and his power

sustains us, his justice guides, his goodness protects, and his love blesses us for ever. We cannot fail to praise him, though we cannot praise him as we would. Let us bow ourselves down before him, with humble and adoring hearts, and, in his presence, seek to have our souls renewed and strengthened, that we may be better prepared for the duties of life ; to endure its trials, to bear its crosses, and to triumph in its lasting joys.

Then this Prayer by the Minister, all kneeling.

O THOU, who art present everywhere : we know that we need not ask thee to remember us, for thou hast us in thy care and holy keeping, in the darkness and in the day. Thou art the presence at our fireside and about our path, watching over our rising up and our lying down, and acquainted with all our ways. We flee unto thee, seeking to draw near to thee in spirit, and to worship thee with what is highest and best in our souls. Conscious of thy presence about us and within, and mindful of thine eye which seeth every secret of our lives, we would remember before thee the things which make us glad, or fill us with sadness ; we would meditate on thy great goodness, on the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, the joys in which we delight, the work thou hast enabled us to do, and the trials which thou hast appointed for us ; and we would recall, in sorrow and penitence, the things in which we have been unfaithful and have sinned against thee, and of which we are ashamed in thy sight. While thus we muse, may the fire of devotion so burn in our hearts that, from the momentary worship of our prayer, we may learn to serve thee better through all our years, and be brought ever nearer to thee. *Amen.*

Then the Lord's prayer to be said by the People after the Minister.

OUR Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Then shall one of the following Canticles be sung.

MORNING CANTICLE.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praise unto thy name, O God Most High;

To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning: and thy faithfulness every night.

The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

From the rising of the sun, unto the going down thereof: the Lord's name is to be praised.

I laid me down and slept: I awaked for the Lord sustained me.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up.

Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day.

Thou hast been a shelter for me: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications: the Lord is my strength

and my shield, my heart trusted in him and I am helped.

I will praise thee with my whole heart : I will bless thy name, for thy loving-kindness and thy truth.

Glory be to God most high : the ever-blessed Father ;
Who is, and was, and shall be : world without end.

Amen.

EVENING CANTICLE.

THE Lord hath commanded his loving-kindness in the daytime : and in the night season also, my song shall be of him, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

As long as I live, will I magnify thee in this manner : and lift up my hands in thy name.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense : and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

For thou art the portion of my inheritance and of my cup : thou wilt maintain my lot.

Behold he that keepeth his people : will neither slumber nor sleep.

He is about my path and my lying down : and is acquainted with all my ways.

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest : for it is thou only O Lord, who makest me to dwell in safety.

Glory be to God most high : the ever-blessed Father ;
Who is, and was, and shall be : world without end.

Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord for he is good : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever.

The sun to rule by day : for his mercy endureth for ever.

The moon and stars to rule by night : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to God most high : the ever-blessed Father ;

Who is, and was, and shall be : world without end.

Amen.

2nd Scripture Lesson.

Then shall follow a Hymn, Chant, or Anthem. Then these Prayers, with Responses, all kneeling.

Minister. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who lovest all and forgettest none, we bring to thee our supplications for all thy children : For all whom we love and for whom we watch and care ; for all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, restored us with their sympathy and help, and whose charity has covered a multitude of our sins :

People. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who have wished or done us ill, that thou wouldst turn their hearts to penitence and ours to pity and blessing :

People. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all on whom thou hast laid the cross of suffering, the sick in body and the feeble in mind ; for all who have been bereaved of relatives and friends, or are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love :

People. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all perplexed by the mysteries of life, or overshadowed with doubt ; for all forgotten by us, but dear to thee ; for the whole family in heaven and on earth :

People. We beseech thee to hear us, O God. *Amen.*

The following Prayers shall then be said by the Minister, the People responding with Amen.

AL MIGHTY God, the Father of the spirits of all flesh : we come to thee for help in the struggle of life wherein we so often faint. Thou knowest all our sin, and all our weakness and coldness of heart. We would not, if we could, hide anything from thee, but would lay bare our inmost soul before thee. O Father, though it is against thee that we have sinned so grievously and so often, yet thou alone art our hope to save us from ourselves, and to lift us up out of the mire of our earthly passions into thy heaven of purity. We believe that thou dost desire our deliverance, and that it is thy will that we should grow pure and upright, and altogether perfect. Lord, if this be so we are safe. Thy power is sufficient even to turn our weakness into strength, our sinfulness into holiness. Take us under thy care and heal us. We give ourselves to thee. We would reserve nothing from thee ;

no sin from thine awful eyes ; no desire of our hearts from thy chastening hand. Take from us any joy ; give us any suffering and shame ; lead us, though it be through fire. Only make us thine ; thine in love and faith, in obedience and submission ; •thine in our mortal life, and thine in the life that endureth for ever. *Amen.*

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O LORD, our God, eternal, unsearchable : we reverence thine infinite power, we adore thine unbounded wisdom, we trust thy perfect justice, we rejoice and are glad in thine unfailing love. We bless thee, Lord, for thy loving-kindnesses and tender mercies. Thou art our Father, and we are the children of thy care. Inspire our hearts with a true filial affection, that shall ever become more pure and strong, and shall lead to a clear and steadfast faith. May our souls be enriched with the gifts of the Spirit ; and, receiving much, may we consecrate all to thee. By our labour and our patience, our joy and our hope, our prayers and our tears, change thou us into the glorious image of thyself, that we may become wholly thine. May thy truth be our light, thy righteousness our strength, and thy love the peace and comfort of our life, for evermore. *Amen.*

O THOU who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the tears of such as truly repent, look upon us in pity, and revive our spirits and the souls which thou hast made, lest we fall beneath the burden of our guilt : of time misspent, of idle and bitter words, of unforgiving temper and hardness of heart ; of self-love and slumber of the soul, in a world where poverty and ignorance, cruelty and oppression, sickness, loneliness and sorrow are around us, and

where there is so much work to do for thee. Turn unto us in mercy, we beseech thee, that we may hear thy fatherly voice of forgiveness and comfort, and feel around us thine everlasting arms, and rest under the shadow of thy boundless love. *Amen.*

MAY the spirit of Christ, the spirit of divine sonship and human brotherhood, be with us, and make us one in faith and love, now and evermore. *Amen.*

The Service may then proceed in the following order.

Hymn.

[A short Prayer or Collect may be introduced here.]

SERMON.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

NOW may the blessing of God be upon us. May his truth direct us, and his love sustain us; and may he preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth, even for evermore. *Amen.*

FOURTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the Minister shall read one or more of these Sentences, all standing.

COME, let us worship and bow down ; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in his holy place ? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart ; who hath not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Thus saith the high and lofty one, who inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy : I dwell in the high and holy place ; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Thus saith the Lord ; Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches ; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, who exercise loving-kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth ; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Give unto the Lord glory and strength ; give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name : worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Then shall the Minister say.

WITH a lowly and contrite spirit let us now draw nigh to God.

Prayer by the Minister, all kneeling ; the People saying Amen.

WE thank thee, O Father, that we have come together again after the labour of the week and its weariness. Grant that we may have a settled peace—that peace of God which passeth all understanding. And amidst thwartings, and castings down, and disappointments, may we not feel that our life is lost, or that we are losing it. If we are weakened by excess of sorrow, or if we have lost the way and know not how to find it, O Lord God of our salvation, be merciful to us, look upon our weakness, and in thine infinite compassion revive us again, and give us fresh courage ; let us hear thy voice, though it be in darkness, saying, ‘ This is the way, walk ye in it.’

If we were to mention the multitude of our transgressions before thee, O our God, if we could see them in the light of thy countenance, and discern them as thou dost, we should sink away in discouragement and in despair ; but thou hast been pleased to make known thy mercy, and to hide our transgressions in the great multitude of thy mercies.

Thou discernest what time shall do for us ; thou dost foresee what the ages shall bring forth ; and thou also knowest what thine own soul-healing powers shall produce. Yet, not in these things alone dost thou consider us ; but out of that nature of love in thyself which cannot but go forth to all who are weak, to all who are wounded and bruised, to all who are ignorant, thou art ever ready to bless us.

Our years are moving on. Grant that we may faithfully work while the day lasteth. May we put more energy and more devotion, the whole of ourselves, into all that we do, so that when we called away we may not find neglected duties throwing their gloom of sadness upon our dying

hours. May we do our duty now to-day. May we be always watching, waiting and ready, with our loins girded up and our lamps trimmed and burning, as true and faithful disciples of thy son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People, after the Minister.

OUR Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

The following Chant shall then be sung.

CANTATE DOMINO.

SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

Glory be to God on high : the Father everlasting.

•As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

1st Scripture Lesson.

Then shall the following Chant be sung.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim, and Seraphim : continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Hosts ;

Heaven and earth are full : of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee ;

The Father : of an infinite majesty.

Day by day we magnify thee : and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

2nd Scripture Lesson.

Then shall follow a Hymn or this Chant.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : [have seen] thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people :

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to God on high : the Father everlasting.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Then these Prayers with Responses, all kneeling.

Minister. Almighty God, before whom all hearts lie open, we are sorry for our many sins and shortcomings : For the unthankful spirit in which we have received thy good gifts ; for our thoughtlessness and want of appreciation of the beauty of the world and the love of human hearts :

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For all our forgotten vows ; for the better purposes which we have suffered to grow weak ; for the good resolutions we have not kept ; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives :

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the words of unjust anger and bitterness which have escaped our lips : for the strifes and separations which we have inflamed and aided, and for all our sinful neglect to produce peace and good-will among men :

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For our selfish comfort amid the wrongs and oppressions of life; for our undue and exclusive regard to our own interests; for our lack of brotherhood and neglect of the service of humanity:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the sorrows that have brought no repentance; for all the wholesome teachings of life which have failed to turn our feet into the true and living way:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God. *Amen.*

Instead of the foregoing Responses, this Prayer may be used.

I N all the multitude of our wants and cares, and the thoughts that trouble us, we draw near to thee, our Father, not to inform thee, but to arouse in ourselves the consciousness that thou knowest us altogether: that nothing befalls us without thy knowledge; that troubles have their benefits; that they are distributed from thine hand, or come with thy permission; and that thou art, by thy providence, not only through light but through darkness, not only through pleasure but through pain, not only through ease but through exertion, bringing us forward out of our lower life into the life of reason, and conscience, and love.

How slowly do we understand thee! How dark are the simplest counsels of God to us! How often do we cry out with the pangs of doubt and fear because there is no answer to our yearnings! How often are we crushed under burdens which have beneath them the power of Omnipotence! We know that thou art to be found by those that humble themselves, and yet, we refuse to bow down and are for ever building ourselves up in that pride which God cannot

- bless. When shall we have the simplicity of children, and believe in thee? When shall we find our strength, our rest, our hope, and our life in thee, O God?

Grant, we pray thee, that thy kingdom may come; that all thy people may be more and more united; that those who love the Lord may have love one to another, bear one another's infirmities, and walk together in sweet counsel. And may the day speedily come when all thy people shall be known by their purity, by their strength in goodness, and by their love. And we pray that thus thy kingdom may be advanced throughout all the earth, until the whole world shall see thy salvation. *Amen.*

The following Prayers shall then be said by the Minister.

- **C**HASTEN our souls, O Lord, when we try to approach thee. Purify our hearts, that with the eyes of the mind we may discern thy presence. Each morning as the sun rises, it befits us to meditate on thy goodness, thy righteousness, until our hearts kindle into praise of thee. O Holiest of the Holy, Best of the Good, enlighten us to think of thee more truly, and thereby to cherish a growing love of thee. What higher thing can man attain, than the faith which is ever aware that thou art near, and ever beholds thy working, alike in the mighty universe and in human life? Unseen but everpresent Father, guard us from all inward evil, strengthening us to shun the wrong and pursue the right. In asking for inward power to do thy will, we are sure that we ask according to thy will. Work in us, O Lord, a higher ability to sacrifice self-desire at the shrine of duty. By thy own love overwhelm our deadness and coldness, so that we may -bless thee as the glorious God of all, and as our loving Father. *Amen.*

DAY by day and week by week thy good gifts are renewed to us, O Father of mercies. For the light of heaven, for health and strength, such as we have, we humbly thank thee. For hearts to love, for minds to understand, for inward power to discern thee; for the means of instruction, for the sympathy of our fellows, for the fellowship of saints, we thank thee still more: and when faith is active in us, we rejoice also that thou rulest in the midst of our tumults. Our tides may ebb and flow, but thou determinest their bounds. On thee we safely rest our cares and our fears, our griefs for the afflicted, our hopes for the future. Establish thou our souls in thy paths, and make us abound in charity and faith. What thou ordainest, eye hath not seen nor ear heard, nor can the heart of man conceive: but whatever it be, it will be right and best, for us and for all: for thou, O Lord, art wise and good; thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and ever. *Amen.*

NOW the Lord of peace himself give us peace always by all means. The Lord be with us all. *Amen.*

The Service may then proceed in the following order.

Hymn.

SERMON.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

MAY the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, peace which the world can neither give nor take away, be with us now, and abide in our hearts for ever. *Amen.*

FIFTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the Minister shall read one or more of the Scriptures, all standing.

O COME, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, to show forth his loving-kindness in the morning, and his faithfulness every night.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart God will not despise.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee.

Then shall follow these Responses.

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Then shall follow this Prayer, all kneeling.

O GOD our Heavenly Father, though we forget thee, thou dost never forget us. Pardon our forgetfulness, and help us now with quiet minds and grateful hearts to remember thee. Hear our prayers, and accept our hymns of praise. May we be made wiser and better by the words to which we shall listen. May we be encouraged and strengthened by our worship to strive to bring nearer thy kingdom of purity and truth and love. *Amen.*

Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by the People after the Minister.

OUR Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The following Psalm shall then be sung.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of them that trouble me: thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to God most high, the ever-blessed Father;
Who is, and was, and shall be; world without end.

Amen.

1st Scripture Lesson.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

GOD be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon the earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Glory be to God most high, the ever-blessed Father;
Who is, and was, and shall be; world without end.

Amen.

2ND Scripture Lesson.

Then shall follow a Chant or Hymn. Or as an alternative, these Sentences, the People responding; all standing.

Minister. Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.' This is the first and great commandment.

People. Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. And the second is like, namely this, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

People. Write these words on our hearts, O God, we beseech thee.

Minister. Let brotherly love continue; as we have opportunity let us do good unto all; and let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

People. Write these words on our hearts, O God, we beseech thee.

Minister. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the grace of Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for all sorts and conditions of men ; all kneeling.

WE pray, O God, for all sorts and conditions of men :

For the Rulers and Legislators of our land, that they may be just, ruling as in thy sight :

For all Judges and Magistrates, that they may execute justice and maintain right :

• For all Ministers and Teachers, that they may set forth thy truth and promote the good of men :

For all Thinkers and Artists, who enrich the world with words or works of truth and beauty :

For all Speakers and Writers, who mould the opinions of men, that they may use their influence in the cause of progress and righteousness :

For all Students of Nature, who seek and find out the uses and wonders of thy Works, and make their discoveries blessings to the world.

For our Schools and Colleges, that wisdom and knowledge may everywhere prevail over ignorance and superstition :

For Physicians, who heal the wounds of the body, and ease the sufferings of men :

For our Benevolent Institutions, that charity and helpful kindness may always abound in our land :

For Parents, that they may have wisdom and grace to train up their children in right ways :

For Children, that in them may be sown the seeds of pure hearts and noble lives :

For Masters, that they may give unto their servants that which is fair and just :

For Servants, that they may be faithful and diligent in their work :

For Men of Toil, that they may learn that man doth not live by bread alone :

For Men of Leisure, that they may live and work for the common good :

For the Poor, that their humble lot may be enriched with the Divine presence :

For the Rich, that they may learn that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of his possessions.

And upon all thy children, O God, may thy grace and heavenly benediction rest. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayers.

O GOD, invisible, eternal, source and author of our being, thine we are by nature and necessity. By thee and for thee we were made ; but not the less for one another. Let the benevolence which is in thy heart rule in our hearts. Let us be ashamed of every impulse which we know to be unlovely or unholy. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation ; and let thy Spirit be our daily guide. *Amen.*

NOW, O Father, may thy gracious blessing be with us all ; may thy truth direct our minds, thy love possess our hearts, and thy peace rest on our spirits. *Amen.*

The Service may then proceed in the following order.

Hymn.

[A Short Prayer or Collect may be introduced here.]

SERMON.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

AND now, O God, may thy holy and perfect peace, which layeth to rest all the trouble of our lives, abide with us, and with thy children everywhere. *Amen.*

SIXTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn after which the Minister shall read one or more of the Sentences, all standing.

THE hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men; and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

The Lord is good to them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Then shall the Minister say.

LET us lift up our hearts with our voices unto God on high.

A Confession to be said by the Minister and People; all kneeling.

MOST merciful Father, unto whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid: we are heartily sorry for the sins which we have at any time committed, in thought or affection, in word or deed. We pray thee to look graciously upon us, and forgive us. Help us to lay aside every weight, and the sins which so easily beset us, and to subdue our thoughts and desires in obedience to thy perfect law. We offer thee now our whole being, our bodies and

souls, to be thy living temple. Take us, O Lord, entirely into thy hands, and let nothing henceforward, either in life or death, separate us from thee. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister offer this Prayer, the People saying Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of mercies, we beseech thee to grant us true repentance, and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to thine eternal joy. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

OBE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves.

We are his people : and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving : and into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him : and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God,

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1st Scripture Lesson.

Then shall the following Psalm be sung.

I WILL extol thee, O God, my King : and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee ; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion : slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all : and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Thou openest thy hand : and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible : the only wise God,

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. *Amen.*

2nd Scripture Lesson.

Then shall be sung the Te Deum.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full : of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee,

The Father : of an infinite majesty.

Day by day we magnify thee : and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded. *Amen.*

Then shall follow these Responses.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us ;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow these Prayers, the People saying Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast bidden us seek that we may find, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth. *Amen.*

O THOU the Eternal, who dividest the light from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks. *Amen.*

Then these Prayers, the People responding; all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in communion with thy saints in all ages, with prophets and apostles, heroes and martyrs, with our beloved dead who have fallen asleep in thy peace: we, who are still striving to do and bear thy blessed will on earth, adore thee, and offer thee our praises and supplications.

We adore thee, O Lord.

Make us of quick and tender conscience, that we may follow every suggestion of thine indwelling spirit. Reveal to us the beauty of thy will, the gladness of thy service, the power of thy presence in our hearts.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

May no perplexity create in us an impatient spirit, no temptation lead us into sin, no sorrow hide thy loving will from us. Teach us all to feel the need of thy grace, and to seek it; to know thy will, and to do it; and to abide in peace in our appointed lot.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

Calm the turbulence of our passions; quiet the throbbings of our hopes and fears; repress the waywardness of our wills; and direct the motions of our affections. Strengthen us to bear all our trials patiently, and to glorify thee in our daily life.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

Help us to forgive as we would be forgiven; dwelling neither in speech nor thought upon offences committed against us, but loving our brother freely as thou lovest us. Grant thy help, that we may carefully watch over our tempers; remove whatever in us may be a stumbling-block in another's way, that we may conform to thy will in things both small and great.

Grant us this prayer, O Lord.

We beseech thee to bless and comfort the old, to give strength unto such as are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and to lead all children in the right way; preserve all whom we love from the dangers of this present life, and prepare them for life eternal.

Bless all thy servants, O Lord.

Have compassion on all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, or any other adversity, and on those who are worn with excessive toil; give them patience, faith in thy goodness, and conformity to thy will.

Help all thy servants, O Lord.

O thou who art the Strength of all souls, guide us through the darkness of this world, guard us from its perils, hold us up and strengthen us when we grow weary in our mortal way; and lead us by thy chosen paths, through life and death, to our eternal home in thy heavenly kingdom.

Be thou our guide and strength for evermore. Amen.

SIXTH ORDER OF WORSHIP

The following Prayers shall then be said, the People saying Amen.

O THOU who art the Providence of the world, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: we give thee most hearty thanks for all thy blessings of nature and of grace; for the power of loving; for everything, whether joy or sorrow, whereby thou hast drawn us nearer to thyself; and for all that thou hast in keeping for them that love thee. Henceforth, we would trust thee with our present and our future, our hopes and our fears, for ourselves and for all whom thou hast given us to love; and as thou dost continually pour out thy gifts upon us, so may we abound in thankfulness and in all good works. *Amen.*

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

MAY the spirit that was in Jesus, the spirit of divine sonship and human brotherhood, be with us, and make us one in faith and love now and evermore. *Amen.*

[A short Prayer by the Minister may be introduced here.]

Hymn.

SERMON.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

THE blessing of God, our Heavenly Father, be with us now, and remain for ever. *Amen.*

SEVENTH ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The Service may begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the Minister shall read one or more of these Sentences, all standing.

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honourable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report—if there be any virtue and if there be any praise—think of these things.

Address by the Minister.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness: Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said by the Congregation after the Minister.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done: and we have done those things

which we ought not to have done ; But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, as ever in thy holy sight. *Amen.* α

The Lord's Prayer, to be said by the Congregation, after the Minister.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here all standing up, the Minister shall say.

Glory be to God on high, the Father everlasting.

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be said or sung this Psalm.

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King
above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth : the
strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands
formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and bow down : let us kneel
before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God : and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible :
the only wise God ;

Be honour and glory : for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson.

Then shall be said or sung this Canticle.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord : praise him,
and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Valleys, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye
the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas, and all that move in the Waters, bless
ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Heavens and Earth, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Glory be to God most high : the ever-blessed Father ;
Who is, and was, and shall be : world without end.

Amen.

Second Lesson.

Then shall be said or sung this Psalm.

JUBILATE DEO.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the
Lord with gladness, come before his presence
with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that
hath made us, and not we ourselves.

We are his people : and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving :
and into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him : and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to God on high : the Father everlasting.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be : world without end. *Amen.*

Then these Prayers following, all kneeling.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lord have mercy upon us.

People. • O Lord hear our prayer. And let our cry come unto thee.

The Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries. *Amen.*

The Collect for Grace (Morning only).

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Queen and Royal Family.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign, Queen VICTORIA, and all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit: enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Ministers and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; send down upon all Ministers of thy truth, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing, that they may be true messengers of thy great love revealed in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, when in Session.*

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations; that all things being so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us and set forward among all nations, until thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all conditions of Men.

GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to

comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for drawing us through Jesus Christ into the ways of a diviner life; for the means of grace, and for the hope of heaven. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hymn.

SERMON.

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Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

AND now may the peace of God rule in your hearts; and the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. *Amen.*

INTRODUCTORY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL DAYS.

The three following Introductory Services may be substituted for the beginning of any of the Seven Services as far as the Lord's Prayer. The Readings may be used instead of one of the ordinary Scripture Lessons.

Christmas Day.

Sentences to be said by the Minister, all standing.

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will to men.

The spirit of the Lord shall be upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Address by the Minister.

IN the glad joy of our Christmas-tide we come together to celebrate the birth of a new spirit in the world, and that old but ever new miracle which is in the beginnings of life, in the power of innocence, and in the divinity of childhood. As the lessons of this day are brought to our minds, let the heavens again open to our souls, and may our prayers and God's blessings be like angels ascending and descending. Here let us learn the true humility of a child ; here may the voice speak to us of the coming kingdom of peace, so that, heeding its divine prompting, we may look no more back, but press forward to the mark of our high calling, even unto the heritage reserved for all God's sons who strive to do his righteous will.

Prayer by the Minister, the People saying Amen.

O THOU, the inspirer and helper of all who put their trust in thee, we thank thee for this day which tells us of one who lived that he might save men by love, heal them by sympathy, and die for them in pity. We thank thee for the revelation of that purity which is stronger than armies, and for the love which is greater than knowledge. May our souls be moved and our wills be melted in the presence of such tender passion, and grant, O most holy One, that the lessons of this day and life be not lost upon us; but, enkindling within our own hearts that true charity for all men, may send us forth on missions of healing and blessing. So let thy kingdom come and thy will be done, even on earth as now in heaven. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING.

May be read alternately by Minister and People.

BLESSED be the Lord God, for he hath not left himself without a witness,

But hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Through the tender mercy of our God the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

Giving light to those who sit in darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings;

That publisheth peace, that proclaimeth glad tidings of salvation.

He shall not strive nor cry, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have established equity in the earth.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding;

The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Anointing him to preach good tidings to the poor, to bind up the broken-hearted;

To comfort those who mourn; to proclaim liberty to the captives;

The opening of the prisons to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He was tempted like as we are, and no fault was found in him.

He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Easter Sunday.

Sentences to be said by the Minister, all standing.

EXCEPT a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but, if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and the garden causeth the things sown in it to spring forth,

so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth among all nations.

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of the Lord, and there shall no evil touch them.

So when this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory !

Address by the Minister.

DEARLY beloved, with hearts and minds open to the lessons of this season, when all nature prophesies to man, let us rejoice in that Christian gospel which interprets the prophecy of nature, and celebrate with gladness the triumph of life over death, of spiritual continuance through all outward change. Let us answer the manifold lessons with newness of life in ourselves, that so, casting off the works of darkness to put on the armour of light, and led by the hope that is full of immortality, we may press forward in glad and faithful service unto that world in which is fulness of joy and life everlasting.

Prayer by the Minister, the People saying Amen.

INFINITE and gracious Father, who alone hast life and immortality in thyself, we would draw near to thee in grateful love as to the Fountain of our being. Apart from thee there is no life : in thee there is no death. Thou sendest forth thy breath, the earth wakens, and all nature's voices lift up their obedient praise to thee. Send thy spirit into our hearts, that we also may praise thee with joyful lips, and all that is within us bless thy holy name. On this day which testifies of the power of the soul to outlast the changes of earth, and to rise victorious over the bondage of death, may our immortal being hear the call and feel its meaning. Help us, we pray, to rise from the

death of sin, in the likeness and might of him who assures us, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: because I live, ye shall live also.' *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING.

May be read alternately by Minister and People.

WE praise thee, O God, we magnify thee. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever, for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

Hadst thou not remembered our low estate, and bent to us with thy testimonies from of old,

We had been in darkness and the shadow of death, and the light of thy countenance had been hid.

When thou gavest the earth for the abode of man, thou didst portion his days in thy wisdom and mercy.

Thou holdest in thy right hand his years, and their record beareth witness.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

We shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Sing, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth; for the former things have passed away, and all things have become new.

The Son of man hath gone up on high, made perfect through suffering for the holy of holies.

In him did the fulness of thy spirit dwell; and of his fulness we may all partake.

In him was the light, and whoso followeth him shall not walk in darkness.

He came unto the world bearing witness of the truth.

And every one that is of the truth heareth his voice.

He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Being found worthy to receive the crown of everlasting life.

We are no more strangers and exiles, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

Thou hast made one family, there and here; one living communion of seen and unseen.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after thee in these courts below; not long wilt thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

We therefore pray thee, O Lord, help thy servants whom thou hast created in thy image.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Let the dead and living praise thee, O God, above; below: let all the generations praise thee.

Let the glorified company of the first-born praise thee who dwellest in the heavens.

Blessed be the Eternal One who giveth us the victory.

And calleth us by his spirit to become the sons of God.

Blessed be the Lord our God, who maketh us heirs of immortality and joint heirs with Christ in heaven.

If so be we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together.

Blessed be the Lord God, that giveth beauty for ashes and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Blessed be the dawn of his everlasting light.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: thou wilt show me the path of life.

In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Armorial Service.

One or more Sentences to be said by the Minister, all standing.

SING, O heavens! and be joyful, O earth! for the Lord hath comforted his people.

He giveth light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. He shall swallow up death in victory, and wipe away all tears from all faces.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Yea, he that goeth forth weeping, bearing his seed, shall surely come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves.

This man died, leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all his nation.

Address by the Minister.

LET us call to remembrance, and be glad in their goodness, those dear immortals, our dead and ever living, who have passed the doors beyond which we cannot see. As they kept the faith in time of trial, and righteousness in the hour of temptation, so, inspired by their example, may we be able, when danger is near and the flesh is weak, to triumph over every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us.

Prayer by the Minister, the People saying Amen.

WE thank thee, O God of righteousness and truth, for all thy faithful servants who have lived on earth as doers of thy will, as teachers of thy truth, as messengers of thy loving-kindness and tender mercy. We thank thee for the martyr's courage and constancy, for the prophet's word of fire, for the noble virtues of thy heroes and saints, and for all the great gifts of inspiration and wisdom, skill and power, which

have been bestowed on chosen ministers of thine, to enrich and bless the world. And we thank thee also for every good life which shows us how, even in a lowly work or in patient waiting, we may find a way of serving thee, and may enter into the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING.

May be read alternately by Minister and People.

LET us call to remembrance the great and good, through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory :

Those who were leaders of the people by their judgment, giving counsel by their understanding and foresight :

Wise and eloquent in their teachings, and through knowledge and might fit helpers of the people.

All these were honoured in their generation, and were the glory of their times.

There be some who have left a name behind them, whose remembrance is sweet as honey in all mouths.

And there be some who have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been.

But their righteousness has not been forgotten, and the glory of their work cannot be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

For the memorial of virtue is immortal, because it is known with God and with men.

When it is present men take example of it, and when it is gone they earnestly desire it.

It weareth a crown, and triumpheth for ever ; having gotten the victory striving for undefiled rewards.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Though a good life hath but few days, yet a good name endureth for ever.

Though the righteous be overtaken by death, they shall be at rest; their souls are in the hand of God.

Though they perish from the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

Seeing we are compassed about with such a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us;

And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

FAITH AND TRUST.

ETERNAL One, of all that is, thou art both beginning and end. Thou leadest us through unknown paths, yet we follow thee; for to thee must all beings come. Thy judgments are a mighty deep; our wisdom is a childlike heart; our strength is trust in thee. We bless thee for the skies above us, and for the earth beneath us, and for the hopes that live within us. Yea, and if we die, the hopes wither not, but live; for thou art our dwelling place and our eternal home. *Amen.*

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

Prayer for a Children's Service.

OUR Father in heaven, look down upon us, thy little children, and help us to worship thee. Put out of our minds all foolish thoughts. Teach us thy will concerning us, and incline us to learn. May we love thy truth and seek to live by it every day.

Our Father, we know that we need have no fear of thee. Though we often do wrong, yet we know that thou lovest us even in our sin, and art always trying to make us better. Thy thoughts toward us are full of pitiful and tender love. Thou hast spoken to us by the sweet and gentle voice of Jesus, and he has told us that thou art kinder than the kindest, better than the best, and that there is ever room in thy heart and in thy home for the little ones of thy making and loving.

Our Father, we thank thee for all the good and beautiful things we find in and around our life. For food and raiment; for the love of parents and friends; for our work and play; for the Sunday and its worship and teaching: for all thy tender mercies, we thank thee.

Our Father, help us to fight against our faults, that they may not grow into bad habits which will cling to us all our days. May we always speak the truth, and never be guilty of deceit. May we be kind and gentle, and not easily angered. May we never neglect our duties, but do all our work as in thy sight. May we grow more like Jesus every day we live, and become children with whom thou art ever well-pleased. *Amen.*

Prayer for a Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

WE praise thee, O thou source of all life and strength and blessing, for the bountiful provision which thou makest for the wants of thy children, giving rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness. We would bring thee now our joyful thanksgiving for the harvest of the fields, and all the increase that the fertile earth has yielded. Thou hast ordered the course of the changing seasons, and appointed a time for sowing and a time for reaping; and while men have toiled, or watched, or rested from this work, thy providence has never failed, and thou hast prepared for them the reward of their labours. As we seek after the things that are needful for our mortal life, providing for ourselves food and raiment and shelter, and whatever outward good thou grantest us, may we grow richer in the things of the spirit, and in all that makes us truly thy children. May we enjoy the gifts of thy bounty in wisdom, temperance and thankfulness, ever mindful of the love that bestowed them. And may the remembrance of thy fatherly goodness to us make our thoughts kind and gracious towards all our brethren whom we may help and cheer; that we may be ever generous and considerate, ready to succour the needy and to feed the hungry, and rejoicing to lighten any burden of poverty and distress. So may we show forth the power of that self-denying spirit which was in Christ, and become less unworthy to be called thy children, and to receive thine unnumbered gifts of blessing. *Amen.*

AND let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the works of our hands establish thou it. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul. *Amen.*

Prayer for those in Affliction.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of all who suffer: let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto thee, and may they rejoice to find that thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions. Let all who are beset by fears, troubled by poverty, worn down by illness, given over to punishments, all who are wronged and oppressed, the lonely, the suffering, the weary and heavy laden, be sustained by thy might, consoled by thy tenderness, and cherished by thy fatherly compassion.

O thou, the great Revealer! Revealer of truth! Revealer of thyself! Thy children would lift their eyes out of earth's darkness towards thy light. Speak, we pray thee, in the heart of everyone who now truly seeks thee. And though our mortal eye can never truly see thy face, may we feel that thou art very nigh to our innermost spirit. We know that the clouds and darkness that hide thee from our sight are not round thee but round ourselves. We are surrounded by thee, yet we behold thee not. We lie in the hollow of thy hand, yet we find thee not. Open our ears that we may not be deaf to thy voice. Open our hearts, and prepare them to receive the inspirations of thy love and wisdom. *Amen.*

Prayer for those in Bereavement.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, unto whom we may come in every hour of darkness and sorrow, to pour out our griefs to thee, and to rest our troubled hearts under the shelter of thy compassion: hear now

our prayer, we beseech thee, for those who are bowed down in mourning and affliction. In their darkness may thy light shine, in their loneliness may thy presence be felt. Thou hast given us the blessed assurance that the sorrows of death are but for a little while, and that the grave is only as a gate of entrance to another world of life. We pray thee, O our Father and Comforter, to grant us, in our saddest hour of bereavement, the joy and consolation of that hope; that, when we part from those whom thou callest away, we may say in our hearts that we shall meet again. May we who remain behind a little longer keep ever clear and bright the memory of their lives. May we be blest, even now, by a true communion of spirit with the unseen world, and live as members of one family, one company of friends and brethren, on earth and in heaven. *Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Resolve.


O THOU who art the light of all our days; we come to thee, that thou mayest rise upon our longing hearts, and fill us with the strength of joy in thee. Here for a moment would we lay our times in the midst of thy eternity, and feel with what a love thou dost sustain us.

Father, for all the gladness of our life we bless thee; for beauty wrought into our hearts amid the silence of the hills or beneath the tranquil sky; for happiness unspeakable even amid the fellowship of sorrow in our homes; for the surprises of tenderness with which thou dost shed on us some unexpected joy;

for the widening range of knowledge, and all the hope of nobler truth; for quickening impulses of reverence and sympathy borne in upon us by some prophet's word—for these, amid the multitude of thy unnamed mercies, would we pour out our souls in thankfulness and awe. •Yea, in the greatness of thy love thou art not weary of us, who have stumbled and fallen, and have scarce dared, or even have not wished, to lift up our faces to thee. Our waywardness and our repining hast thou answered with more gifts; to our indolence hast thou offered fresh opportunities; around the shadow of our grief hast thou cast the life of an immortal hope; the dulness of our daily tasks hast thou brightened and hallowed by duty and affection; and so dost thou ever plead with our selfish ease, our untrustful cares, our numbing habits, and call us ever, hour by hour, to give our hearts to thee.

Father, even from the sad memories of faithlessness we would gather some new resolve, and seek to climb above the ruins of vain endeavour and unaccomplished purposes to the heights of a nobler constancy. Only we rise not of ourselves. Quickened within us, we beseech thee, the sense that thou art ever nigh, ready to make thy strength our strength, and gird our weakness with thy might. So mayest thou win us from our negligence, and draw us into the communion of the saints who have toiled and lived for thee. *Amen.*

THE God of love and peace, hallow all love and peace in our hearts. Thou whose earth and heavens show forth harmony, order and joy, give of thy truth and beauty unto us and to all men, and grace to be ministers of thee one to another. *Amen.*



Prayer for Good Friday.

O GOD who, in the life and teachings of thy holy Son, Jesus Christ, has shewed us the true way of blessedness: thou hast shewed us also, in his sufferings and death, that the path of duty may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Oh, give us grace to learn these harder lessons of pain, and darkness, and affliction. May we take up our cross and follow Christ, in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such true fellowship with him in his sorrows, that we may know the secret of his strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the shining of thine eternal light. *Amen.*

Prayer for Whit Sunday.

O GOD, who hast breathed thy holy Spirit into the hearts of thy faithful servants, sending them forth in thy might to speak the word and to do the work which has been entrusted to them by thee: send down upon us all, we pray thee, that Spirit of holiness and wisdom and strength. Enlighten our minds that we may know what thou wouldst have us do; strengthen our hands that we may labour steadfastly to the end, and may faint not in thy service. Thou hast bestowed upon us a diversity of gifts; give us all the same spirit, that with one heart and one mind we may glorify thee, speaking the truth in love, and filling our lives with good deeds and faithful affections. In that spirit may we be strong to fight the good fight of faith, to conquer evil, and bear witness to the truth, and help to bring in that kingdom of righteousness and peace which was proclaimed by thy Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for the New Year.

○ THOU, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night: we bow our spirits before the mystery of thine eternity, and adore the love which visits us in our lowliness and with unfailing care sustains and blesses us as thy children. Thy fatherly hand has guided us and brought us to this hour, and now, on the threshold of a new year, we would commit ourselves in trust and thankfulness to the providence which has surrounded our way with blessing, to the pity and compassion in which thou hast looked on our weakness, and the love that has sought us in our wanderings and forgiven our sins. We pray that the good treasure of our hearts may be for ever enriched by the experiences of the year that is past. May we keep sacred all its memories of love and goodness, and gratefully recall those seasons of joy or sorrow, of duty or trial, when we felt thee nearest to us, and looked on our life in the light of thy holiness and truth. And may we be enabled to forget the things of which we now think with shame and self-reproach, sorrowing with a goodly sorrow for all our unfaithfulness, and pressing forward with fresh resolve and more earnest desire towards the things that are highest and best. Confirm us, we beseech thee, in the hopes and purposes with which we begin the year; and, whether it be marked by unsought gifts of happiness, or by unexpected trials and sorrows, may it be to us all a year of blessing. Amid all the changes and losses that time must bring, may we rest in thee who changest not; and as these fleeting days and years are numbered, one by one, with the past, may we think on the eternal years, and find our comfort, our strength, our life, in thee. *Amen.*

Prayer for our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, in whose hands are the destinies of the nations: we pray thee to bless our country, and to lead us in the way of honour and justice, and of true and enduring prosperity. Thou, Lord, hast permitted us to increase in power and riches, and hast endowed us with gifts of knowledge and skill, and assigned to us a place among the mighty nations of the world. May we be mindful of the trust which thou hast thus laid upon us, and ever be found faithful to thy cause. Oh, raise up among us noble and upright men, to be leaders and counsellors of the people; and may our rulers and judges, and all who are in authority, exercise their power as ministers of thy justice and mercy. May a wise and faithful spirit prevail in our councils; and may we be delivered from all evil ambitions and selfish rivalries and false judgments. May every calling be fulfilled in honesty, and every talent be rightly improved. And may we so wisely love our country, and so steadfastly follow after all that makes for its true greatness, that we may hold a worthy place in the community of nations, and live as fellow-citizens of thy kingdom, in loyalty to thee, the heavenly King and sovereign Lord of all. *Amen.*

COLLECT.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we live in thee. Thou makest summer and winter, spring and autumn, the various and four-fold year. The darkness and the light are both alike to thee. We work by thy strength, we sleep in thy care; and when we awake, we are still with thee. Teach us thy ways; lead us in thy truth; and may thy love abound in our hearts. *Amen.*

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